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Moynihan Says He Won't Review Casey's Control of Stock Portfolio

WASHINGTON, Nov. 24 (AP) — The acting chairman of the Senate Select Committee on Intelligence refused today to expand the panel's investigation of William J. Casey, the Director of Central Intelligence, to include a review of his control over his personal stock portfolio.

The acting chairman, Senator Daniel Patrick Moynihan, also dismissed concerns that Mr. Casey could use his insider type of knowledge about international economic developments to increase his wealth.

Senator Moynihan said at a news conference that the committee would meet next week to review a draft report on the panel's four-month investigation into Mr. Casey's fitness to continue as head of the Central Intelligence Agency and would vote on whatever recommendations the report made.

Asked if the issues raised by Mr. Casey's continued control of his stock portfolio had been discussed by the committee, Mr. Moynihan replied, "They have not and won't."

Precedent Broken by Casey

Senator Moynihan, a New York Democrat, is acting chairman of the committee while the chairman, Senator Barry Goldwater, Republican of Arizona, is recovering from hip surgery.

Mr. Casey, who has access to the Government's secret data on international economic developments, has broken the precedent of the last two Directors and maintained control over his stock portfolio.

The Director and his wife own stock whose value has been estimated to range from \$1.8 million to more than \$3.4 million in 27 corporations with major foreign operations. Many of the compe-

nies are involved with oil, natural gas and strategic minerals, and operate in areas of special interest to American intelligence agencies.

Stanley Sporkin, general counsel to the C.I.A., said that some of Mr. Casey's stocks had been traded since the 68-year-old former Wall Street lawyer took office. But Mr. Sporkin added that Mr. Casey would not disclose what had been bought and sold until next May 15, when top Government officials must file financial disclosure statements.

'Unique Information' Cited

Meanwhile, Senator Patrick J. Leahy, another committee member, said he considered it "a mistake for someone in a position like Director of the C.I.A. or other positions where you have unique information to be still actively involved in day-to-day investments."

Mr. Leahy, a Vermont Democrat, said in an interview that if Mr. Casey's stock transactions since taking office "had come to light earlier," questions about them "would have been asked, but now it's up to Senator Moynihan and Senator Goldwater."

But Mr. Moynihan refused to raise additional committee questions about Mr. Casey's recent stock trading. "The staff work is over and done," the Senator said.

He also scoffed at the possibility that the Director of Central Intelligence could use confidential economic data to increase his wealth.

"I would like to think that you could make a killing in the stock market just having the information that the C.I.A. has about the way oil prices are going in Abu Dhabi," Mr. Moynihan said, adding that C.I.A. officials "know about as much as Forbes knows." He was referring to the business magazine.